

## Claims

1. A spreader for gripping a standard container in  
5 conjunction with a crane device to which the spreader  
can be attached via a chain-type suspension gear, with  
holding elements (25) which can engage in receptacles  
of the standard container and can be locked by means of  
a control linkage (32) running horizontally,  
10 characterized in that a switching segment (27) is  
connected to the control linkage (32), which switching  
segment has a curved recess (28) for setting two  
switching positions and which, in an operating  
position, can be raised into a vertical position and,  
15 in a transportation position, can be folded down into a  
horizontal position.

2. The spreader as claimed in claim 1, characterized  
in that the holding elements (25) comprise twistlock  
20 bolts.

3. The spreader as claimed in claim 1 or 2,  
characterized in that, in an operating position, side  
guides (33, 34) are connected to the spreader (15) via  
25 spacer elements (35) connected inbetween in such a  
manner that said side guides protrude laterally over  
the area of a standard container, and, in a  
transportation position without spacer elements (35),  
are displaced toward the spreader (15) in such a manner  
30 that they are arranged within the area of a standard  
container.

4. The spreader as claimed in claim 3, characterized  
in that, in the operating position, the side guides  
35 (33, 34) are arranged protruding downward and, in the  
transportation position, can be rotated about 90° into  
a horizontal position.